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# Kirkstall Labour News

## Leeds Labour council delivers on glass recycling; a greener Leeds thanks to Labour

In just one year, Leeds Labour-led City Council has made a major impact on household recycling. The introduction of glass collections in green bins has led to:

- 12,000 tonnes of glass recycled
- 464 tonnes of $CO_2$ emissions saved – equivalent to removing 170+ cars from our roads
- Glass recycling rates up from 48% to 75%

This means over two million wine bottles per month are being reused instead of wasted.

The Kirkstall Councillors and Leeds Labour were proud to support Leeds Pride in July. Here is Hannah demonstrating her commitment to creating an LGBT+ inclusive city and her love of all things bins!

Cllr Andy Rontree said:

> **"Residents in Kirkstall know this is a fantastic example of what a Labour council can achieve—practical climate action that makes a real difference to our communities and our environment. We're proud of the progress and committed to going even further."**

**What can go in your green bin?**

- All colours of glass bottles and jars
- Paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays, foil, and metal cans

Plus, there are over 700 bottle banks across Leeds for extra recycling

Let's keep up the momentum. Recycle more. Waste less. Build a greener Leeds.

## Supporting Pensioners

Leeds Labour Council cares about our poorest pensioners and has taken direct action to support them. All pensioners who already benefit from Council Tax Support but do not now get a winter fuel payment have been paid £150. Those on Council Tax Support who still get a winter fuel payment have been paid £40. Around 20,000 payments have been made.

Cllr Mary Harland, Executive Board Member for Communities said

> **"We wanted to help those lowest income pensioners who would not now receive the winter fuel allowance and using the Household Support Fund we have been able to do this."**

Cllr Fiona Venner, Kirkstall Ward, said,

> **"I know that many pensioners in Kirkstall have benefited from this payment and that Leeds Labour Council have been able to step in and help where it is needed the most."**

# Kirkstall ward winter warmers

## Food, warmth and support this winter

### FOOD PANTRY

Kirkstall Valley Development Trust

St Stephen's
Church Hall,
Norman Street, LS5 3JN

Small supermarket browsing style set up.

£6 weekly cost to receive fresh, dried and tinned goods.

To receive a referral contact Adele: 07900 986570 or 07355 670310

### ST MARY'S & ST ANDREW'S FOOD PROJECT

St Andrew's Church, Butcher Hill, LS16 5HB Monday 9-3 and Friday mornings.

Free food parcel with essential food items. Frozen pre cooked meals for people most in need.

To make a referral, contact Cherie 07331 346988.

### LEEDS NORTH AND WEST FOOD BANK

St Matt's Church Centre
Burley Road
LS4 2DZ.

Open every Tuesday, 10-12.

Referral needed. Tel 0113 269 2985

### WARM SPACES

Our drop in spaces sessions provide warm, welcoming spaces for individuals and families to spend time, relax, enjoy warm drinks and food. Everyone is welcome.

Monday to Thursday 10-2, Kirkstall Valley Development Trust, St Stephen's Church Hall, Norman Street, LS5 3PN *(from 1st September)*

Monday & Thursday, 3.30-6, St Andrew's Church, Butcher Hill, LS16 5HB *(from 4th November)*

Thursday 9-12, St Mary's Church, Hawkswood Avenue, LS5 3PT *(from 4th November)*

## Kirkstall ward has 3 neighbourhood networks supporting people over 60

### HOPS, Hawksworth Wood Older People's Service

Hawksworth Wood Village Hall,
Hawksworth Crescent, LS5 3PT
Tel: 0113 228 5552
Email info@hops-leeds.org.uk

HOPS is a local initiative focused on improving the lives of older adults by addressing issues such as loneliness and isolation. The service offers a wide range of activities and support systems that are designed to help older people remain active, socially engaged and mentally stimulated.

### Older Wiser Local Seniors (OWLS)

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52 North Lane,
Headingley, LS6 3HU
Tel: 0113 369 7077
Email: infoowls@gmail.com

OWLS offers support, activities and opportunities to socialise for seniors (over 60) living in Headingley, Hyde Park, Burley, Woodhouse and parts of Kirkstall. Our aim is to enable members to live healthy, independent lives for as long as possible.

### Supporting The Older People (STEP)

STEP Leeds

Shannon House,
Spen Lane, LS16 5EJ
Tel: 0113 275 7988
Email: step.2.step@btconnect.com

We provide a centre and a range of activities for over 60s. Contact us for more information.

## Councillor and MP surgeries and contact details

The Kirkstall Councillors have two surgeries per month alongside food banks in the ward.

We are at St Matthias Church, Burley Road, on the second Tuesday of every month 10-11:30 and St Andrew's Church, Butcher Hill, on the fourth Friday of every month 10-11:30.

St Matthias Church (also known as St Matt's as this is the name of the congregation that worships there) is facing onto Burley Road between St Matthias Street and Wolsley Road. The surgery is in the parish centre, which is behind the church and down a long ramp.

If you would like to see us away from these times or venues, you can contact us on the details opposite and we will either deal with your query by phone or email, or arrange to meet you in a public place.

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If you wish to contact our MP, **Alex Sobel**, his office number is 0113 898 0969
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